



## SCOPE FOR BARBER EXAMINATION

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### THE LICENSE EXAMINATION

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The examination consists of two parts, a written part and practical part. Both parts are scheduled for the same day.

**To pass the examination**, you must achieve a total score of 75 points (75% out of a possible 100 points.)

**If you pass** you will be issued a license immediately.

**If you fail** you will be given a form showing the scores in each category, the areas of failure, and an application form for re-examination with instructions.

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### SCOPE OF THE WRITTEN PART

**20 POINTS**

The written part consists of 40 multiple-choice questions in the following areas:

Business and Professions Code (Barbering and Cosmetology Act); Title 16, Division 9 of the California Code of Regulations (Rules and Regulations); Sanitation and Safety; Haircutting/Hairstyling; Shaving; Chemical Hair Services (perms, hair coloring, relaxing/hair straightening).

**NOTE:** Due to the ongoing evaluation of our examination questions, some examinations may contain over 40 items, however, only 40 of the items will be used to compute a passing grade towards licensure.

**TIME ALLOWED: 60 minutes**

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### SCOPE OF THE PRACTICAL PART

**80 POINTS**

**The examiner will observe and grade your ability to:**

Give your model a shave; scientific rest facial; scientific scalp massage; shampoo (incline or recline); haircut (the haircut must include all basic phases of haircutting including neck and side taper); and to demonstrate the use of a heated curling iron and create a hairstyle enhancing the appearance of your model.

Give a mannequin head a Virgin Tint Darker, Virgin Tint Lighter, Tint New Growth (darker or lighter), Virgin Bleach, Bleach Retouch, Toner, Virgin application of chemical hair straightening (Sodium Hydroxide Straightener) and hair waving with the use of ammonium thioglycolate (Permanent Wave)

For each operation, the examiner will be grading such things as (1) demonstration of proper disinfection and sanitation techniques, client protection and safety; (2) set-up of necessary equipment, materials, and supplies; (3) preparation of model and (4) ability to perform basic skills.

**NOTE:** Appointment examination booklets will be assigned to *each station*--therefore, you **MUST READ AND FOLLOW YOUR APPOINTMENT EXAMINATION BOOKLET CAREFULLY**. Barber candidates may be doing examination services at different times during the examination.

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 hours 20 minutes**

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### EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS AND EQUIPMENT LIST

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- Each candidate should appear for the practical part of the examination dressed in a uniform with no marks of identification. Clothing and wearing apparel must be appropriate and meet requirements of sanitation and safety.
- Upon entering the examination facility, all candidates, models, interpreters, and interpreter/models **MUST** present a **VALID, CURRENT** government-issued photographic identification card:
  - A photographic Driver's License (any state), state identification card (any state), U.S. military identification, valid passport – any country (valid foreign passport with valid record of arrival/departure – form I-94 or processed for I-551 stamped in a valid foreign passport), United States immigration and naturalization issued identification, certificate of United States citizenship must be current and valid. All photographs must be recognizable as the person to whom the identification card was issued. The name on the application must match the photographic I.D. card.
  - The candidate must present an admission letter for admission to the examination site.
  - The interpreter and/or interpreter model must present a pre-authorized Form H, in addition to appropriate photographic identification as listed above.
- It is the candidate's responsibility to appear at the practical part of the examination with a person at least 15 years of age **who will submit to modeling** for all operations of the exam listed in paragraph #5 below.
  - Models must be free of infection, inflammation, eruptions, or abrasions upon skin surface of the face, head and neck,
  - Models may only serve once during any 30-day period.
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**CAUTION**  
**CANDIDATES NOT COMPLYING WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS AND**  
**REQUIREMENTS LISTED COULD BE DENIED ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION**

4. The following may **not** be used as models in the barber exam (Section 931 of the Board's Rules and Regulations):
- a person less than 15 years of age
  - a current or former student of a barbering, cosmetology or electrology school
  - a school owner or employee
  - an operator or instructor in barbering or cosmetology or any of its branches who is licensed by this or any other state
  - a person who has been, or is currently enrolled in an apprentice program for barbering, cosmetology or electrology
5. It is the responsibility of the candidate to appear at the examination site with a sufficient quantity of supplies, the required instruments (in proper working order and sanitary condition), and model protection drapings for the following operations:

Scientific Rest Facial Haircut (the haircut must include all basic phases of haircutting including neck and side taper) Bleach Retouch Virgin application of Chemical Hair Straightening (Sodium Hydroxide Straightener)	Scientific Scalp Massage Tint New Growth (darker or lighter) Virgin Tint Darker Demonstrate the use of a heated curling iron and create a hairstyle enhancing the appearance of your model	Shampoo (incline or recline) Virgin Bleach Toner Virgin Tint Lighter Hair waving with the use of Ammonium Thioglycolate (Permanent Wave)
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6. **The following minimum supplies and equipment are required for the practical part of the examination:**  
(The check boxes are provided for the candidate's convenience when assembling these items.)

<input type="checkbox"/> #2 Pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> Setting Lotion
<input type="checkbox"/> Container for Disinfecting Implements	<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-oz. Disinfectant Solution that Meets Requirements of Board's Regulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand-held Dryer
<input type="checkbox"/> Container and Supplies for Preparation of Wet and Dry Sanitary Maintenance Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Curling Iron
<input type="checkbox"/> 8-oz. Hand Soap	<input type="checkbox"/> Hair Spray (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spray Water Bottle	<input type="checkbox"/> After Shave
<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo Cape (full length and waterproof)	<input type="checkbox"/> Biohazard Container (for razor disposal)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-pack Neck Strips	<input type="checkbox"/> First-Aid Supplies for Cuts and Burns Protective
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Terry and/or Cloth Towels	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 Curling rods of equal size
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-pack Paper Towels	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-pack End Papers
<input type="checkbox"/> Receptacles for Soiled Linen and Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-oz Protective Cream/Base Cream
<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Receptacle (plastic or paper bag)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton to surround one section of the head
<input type="checkbox"/> Rest Facial Cream	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Applicator Bottles for Permanent Waving
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Spatulas	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Bowls
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1-oz. Portion Cups	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Pair Protective Gloves
<input type="checkbox"/> Set Standard Barber Tools	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Applicator Brushes
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloth Drape (full length)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-cans Simulated Product for Chemical Services (Shaving Cream with Correct Labels) i.e. " <b>Simulated Bleach</b> ", " <b>Simulated Light Tint</b> ", " <b>Simulated Dark Tint</b> ", " <b>Simulated Toner</b> " and " <b>Simulated Sodium Hydroxide</b> ", Labels must be no smaller than 14-point font. (Samples on page 4)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hair Cloth Clip	
<input type="checkbox"/> Neck Duster	

**NOTE: Disposable razor blades must fit securely into the razors. If the disposable razor blade does not fit securely, the candidate will not be allowed to use the razor for the shave demonstration. If the candidate is unable to obtain a suitable razor blade, the points for performing the shave will be deducted from the candidate's score.**

**THE BOARD PROVIDES:**

Lather machines

Mannequin Head

**NOT PERMITTED:**

Shaving mugs

Lather brushes

## **MODEL STANDARDS**

Models must have sufficient facial hair on all parts of the face and neck (sideburns, cheeks, lip, and neck) to demonstrate all phases of a facial shave - at least two days of beard growth.

## **PRACTICAL EXAMINATION**

**NOTE:** Appointment examination booklets will be assigned to *each station*--therefore, you **MUST READ AND FOLLOW YOUR APPOINTMENT EXAMINATION BOOKLET CAREFULLY**. Barber candidates may be doing examination services at different times during the examination.

All candidates begin the examination at the same time. The examiner(s) will observe and grade your ability to give your model a shave, scientific rest facial, scientific scalp massage, shampoo (incline or recline), haircut (the haircut must include all basic phases of haircutting including neck and side taper), and to demonstrate the use of a heated curling iron and create a hairstyle enhancing the appearance of your model.

**NOT PERMITTED:** Specialty haircuts

**CAUTION:** Models must have sufficient hair remaining after the haircut to create a hairstyle. Remaining hair in front, top, and crown must be between 2 ¾" and 4". Exception--very curly or overly curly hair may be out to 1". At least ½" must be cut (front, top, and crown).

**NECK TAPERS:** No shear clipper marks, thin or thick areas.

After this part of the examination is completed, you will be given a break and your model will be excused. After the break you will return to the same workstation to demonstrate the rest of your practical examination on a mannequin.

The examiner(s) will observe and grade your ability to:

1. Demonstrate one of the following procedures for hair coloring chemicals:

Virgin Tint Darker  
Virgin Bleach

Virgin Tint Lighter  
Bleach Retouch

Tint New Growth (darker or lighter)  
Toner

and

2. Demonstrate virgin application of chemical hair straightening (Sodium Hydroxide Straightener)  
and
3. Demonstrate hair waving with the use of ammonium thioglycolate (Permanent Wave)

SIMULATED  
ANILINE  
DERIVATIVE  
**(Light Tint)**

SIMULATED  
ANILINE  
DERIVATIVE  
**(Dark Tint)**

SIMULATED  
  
**(Bleach)**

SIMULATED  
ANILINE  
DERIVATIVE  
**(Toner)**

SIMULATED  
  
**(Sodium  
Hydroxide)**